

Docket No. 598-054 Cont.

Patent

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of	:	
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BYRON VENCENT BELL et al.	:	Examiner: Michael S. Brooke
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Ser. No.	:	Group Art Unit: 2853
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For: HEATER CHIP CONFIGURATION FOR AN INKJET PRINthead AND PRINTER		

PRELIMINARY REMARKS

Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

This application claims continuation priority from previously allowed U.S. serial No. 10/146,578, entitled "Heater Chip for an Inkjet Printhead and Printer," filed on May 14, 2002.

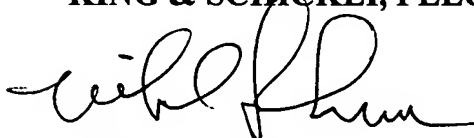
The claims presented herein correspond exactly to those of its parent case with the exception of added claims 3 and 19 directed toward the passivation layer comprising "a dielectric layer." Thus, the Applicant respectfully submits the claims define over the prior art and should be allowable as presented.

Finally, this application was filed merely to avoid the publication of the parent specification reciting that shorter heater life, instead of longer heater life, may provide an attractive alternative to some manufacturers.

As such, those words have been stricken from the specification and it represents the only change thereto.

Respectfully Submitted,

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